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2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The invention relates to a mobile registration unit intended for wireless communication with an information carrier and comprises a mobile processing unit. The registration unit further comprises a registration module, which is adapted to be received in a space for memory expansion in the mobile processing unit. The communication between the information carrier and the mobile processing unit is effected by means of radio waves via the registration module.

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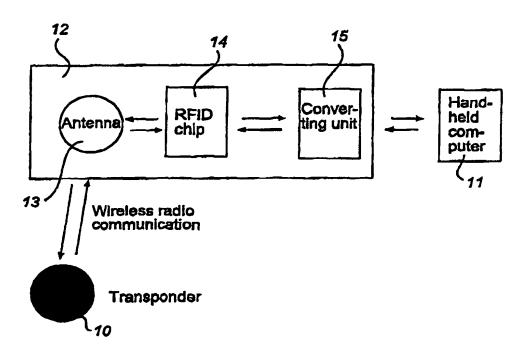
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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a registration unit for contactless communication between an information carrier (10) and a mobile unit (11). The invention enables safe identification with mobile equipment, which has previously been difficult to perform owing to size, price, unwieldy shape and functionality. This is achieved by the communication between the information carrier and the mobile unit taking place by means of radio waves, via a module (12) which is accommodated in a space for memory expansion in the mobile unit (11).

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REGISTRATION UNIT

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a registration unit intended for wireless communication with an information carrier, such as a transponder, and comprising a mobile unit. The invention further relates to a registration module for wireless communication with an information carrier, said module being connectible with another mobile unit.

10 Background Art

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In mobile identification equipment, size is an essential factor, and it is desirable to reduce the size of the units included as much as possible. Identification equipment available today usually comprise a hand-held computer with an accessory module for wireless communication between the identification unit and an information carrier, such as a transponder. As a result, they will be large and unwieldy and not ergonomically designed. The accessory modules usually have a separate plastic casing which must be adapted to each hand-held computer and be attached to the same.

A further problem of today's identification equipment is that it is often necessary for the hand-held computer to participate in the identification process. For example, lists of approved transponders must be stored and searched in the hand-held computer. This results in the hand-held computer being prevented from performing other tasks during identification.

Moreover, separate output ports of the hand-held computer are normally required to allow the accessory module to be connected. As a rule, a serial interface and an RS232 plug are used.

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Object of the Invention

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An object of the present invention therefore is to provide a registration unit which makes it possible to read and write information to/from data carriers with both simple and advanced mobile equipment, and which wholly, or at least partly, solves the above problems of prior-art technique.

This object is achieved by a registration unit and a registration module according to the appended claims.

By means of the registration unit and the registration module according to the invention, a combination of wireless identification with the aid of RFID (Radio Frequency IDentification) and a bar code will now be possible without necessitating reading of one at a time and changing of the accessory module between readings, which is necessary in currently used equipment. Thus, simultaneous reading of, for instance, transponders and bar codes can be effected by arranging a registration unit according to the invention in the space for memory expansion of a hand-held computer equipped for bar code reading. Besides, most hand-held computers have two internal spaces for an additional memory, one space being usable to receive a registration module while the other can be used to receive an additional memory unit.

By arranging the registration module in the space for memory expansion of the mobile processing unit, the size of the registration unit will be minimised. Moreover, the connection of the registration module can be made simple by the ports that are intended for the additional memory being used for communication between the registration module and the processing unit.

It is also an advantage of the invention that it enables integration of the hand-held computer and the registration module, which in turn renders it possible to avoid or minimise the need for cabling, which increases the reliability of the system. Safe identification by means of transponders will thus be possible

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with mobile equipment, which was previously difficult to perform owing to size, price, unwieldy shape and functionality.

5 Brief Description of the Drawings

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The invention will be described below in more detail by way of an embodiment and with reference to the accompanying drawing, which in a block diagram schematically shows a system with a registration module designed according to the invention.

Description of Preferred Embodiments

The registration unit according to the invention suitably comprises a registration module 12 of RFID type, i.e. Radio Frequency IDentification. With the aid of this 15 module, a reading/writing function is obtained for data carriers (e.g. transponders) with mobile units such as hand-held computers. The registration module, however, can also be adapted to other forms of wireless communication by means of radio waves. Preferably, however, it 20 is adapted to communicate with an information carrier 10 which consists of a mobile unit which can store information and preferably which consists of a passive unit operated by energy which is transmitted in a wireless manner by the registration unit. It is also possible 25 to employ information carriers using a battery or other internal energy sources within the scope of the invention.

The RFID module is adapted to be connected to a

30 hand-held mobile unit 11 (e.g. a computer, a telephone
or a combination thereof), which can accommodate at least
one additional memory module. The registration module
thus provides the mobile unit 11 with a reading/writing
function for exchange of information to/from data car
35 riers (e.g. transponders) in a contactless manner by
means of radio waves (e.g. RFID technique).

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The RFID module is intended for use inside the mobile unit and is preferably formed as a small but thick credit card which is inserted into the mobile unit, such as a hand-held computer. Consequently, the RFID module will not be visible in normal use and thus does not affect the total size of the registration unit.

The RFID module is preferably connected to the connections that are intended for memory expansion to establish communication between the registration module and the mobile unit. Moreover, the power supply of the module is preferably obtained via the same connecting means which provides communication to the hand-held computer/mobile unit and which is, for example, a 6-pole connector. Preferably, the registration modules emulates a memory to the processing unit, which will see the registration module as an additional memory and also communicate with the same as if it were a conventional memory.

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A casing for the registration module is suitably made of, for instance, plastic. The dimensions may vary but the casing can advantageously be designed as, for instance, SSD (Solid State Disk) memories, the size of which is 64*42*6mm, or as compact flash memories which are a standard for memory modules in hand-held units.

The RFID module 12 may comprise, for example, an aerial or antenna 13, a radio communication part 14 for receiving and transmitting radio signals and a converting unit 15 to enable communication between the radio communication part and the processing unit 11. The aerial 13 can be used to receive and transmit radio waves and thus serves as an interface against the information carriers 10. The radio communication part can be, for example, a passive part, such an RFID chip, which is used to control the aerial and/or to generate signals to the aerial. The converting unit 15 preferably comprises a one-chip computer or the like as well as a converting part. The one-chip computer is the active part which controls the radio communication part so that the correct

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function is achieved. The converting part can be a standalone part or be included as part of the one-chip computer and serves to adapt the output signal from the one-chip computer to the surroundings, for example to emulate a RAM memory (Random Access Memory). All the parts included in the RFID module can advantageously be arranged, and preferably soldered, on a common printed board. The RFID module further comprises preferably at least one connecting means to physically connect the module to the processing unit for transmitting signals therebetween. The parts included in the RFID module can also be combined to one or more chips having similar functions.

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The module can also be supplemented with memory 15 modules to obtain a combined smart unit, which, for instance, can store information about which transponders are approved in the specific application and only inform the hand-held computer when an approved (according to numbers stored) transponder is available in the reading area of the module, the transponder communicating with 20 the hand-held computer via the module, for identification, logging of number, time and date, whereupon the hand-held computer can take a preprogrammed action if any. This can also be an electricity-saving function 25 towards the battery supply of the hand-held computer since the RFID module takes care of the decoding even before the hand-held computer would otherwise have received the transponder number, which promotes a faster process and simpler and faster software in the hand-held 30 computer/ mobile unit. Rapidity is an important aspect of hand-held computers, and if the check of the transponder number is handled in the RFID module, a larger processor capacity for the actual application in the hand-held computer is made available.

The registration module described above can be used in many fields: for instance, marking in service, industry; passage control of pallets, hoists, robots, machi-

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nery, animals, departing/arriving goods; stock-handling, charging; identification at predetermined locations for reading of metering points, e.g. water, electricity, gas, oil, pressure, flow rate and registration of measured values. Additional fields of application are messengers for delivering documents and parcels, identification and registration of mud collectors, lorry weighers, computers, tarpaulins, tents, canoes, pallets (wood and metal), paintings, trees, mobile phones etc. Furthermore the invention can be used by real-estate security officers for confirmation of attendance.

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The invention is not limited to the above embodiments, and several variants are conceivable within the scope of the appended claims. For example, the module can be provided with a memory.

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CLAIMS

A mobile registration unit intended for wireless communication with an information carrier (10), and comprising a mobile processing unit (11), character is ed in that it further comprises a registration module (12), which is adapted to be received in a space for memory expansion in the mobile processing unit (11), the communication between the information carrier (10) and the mobile processing unit (11) being effected by means of radio waves via the registration module (12).

2. A registration unit as claimed in claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the mobile processing unit (11) consists of a hand-held computer, mobile telephone, pocket diary or a combination thereof, which is provided with a microprocessor.

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- 3. A registration unit as claimed in claim 1 or 2, character is ed in that it is adapted to communicate with an information carrier (10) which consists of a mobile unit capable of storing information, and preferably which consists of a passive unit operated by energy which is transmitted in a wireless manner by the registration unit.
- 4. A registration unit as claimed in any one of claims 1-3, characterised in that the registration module (12) comprises an aerial (13), a radio communication part (14) with a control part for the radio communication and a converting part (15) for conversion of a signal received from the information carrier into a signal usable by the processing unit.
 - 5. A registration unit as claimed in claim 4, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the registration module further comprises memory means for storing of information, and comparing means for comparing a signal received from an information carrier with information stored in the memory means.

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6. A registration unit as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that it further comprises means for reading bar codes.

7. A registration unit as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the registration module is adapted to be completely accommodated in the space for memory expansion in the mobile processing unit (11).

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- 8. A registration unit as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the registration modules emulates a memory to the processing module, the processing unit communicating with the registration module in the same way as with a conventional memory.
- 9. A registration unit as claimed in claim 8, characterised in that the registration module emulates a flash memory or an SSD (Solid State Disk) memory to the processing unit.
- 10. A registration module (12) for wireless commu20 nication with an information carrier (10), characterised in that it is adapted to communicate with
 the information carrier (10) by means of radio waves, and
 that it is designed to be accommodated in a space for
 memory expansion in a mobile processing unit (11).
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 11. A registration module as claimed in claim 10, character is ed in that it is adapted to communicate with an information carrier (10) which consists of a mobile unit capable of storing information, and preferably which consists of a passive unit operated by energy which is transmitted in a wireless manner by the registration unit.
 - 12. A registration module as claimed in claim 10 or 11, characterised in that the registration module (12) comprises an aerial (13), a radio communication part (14) with a control part for the radio communication and a converting part (15) for converting a sig-

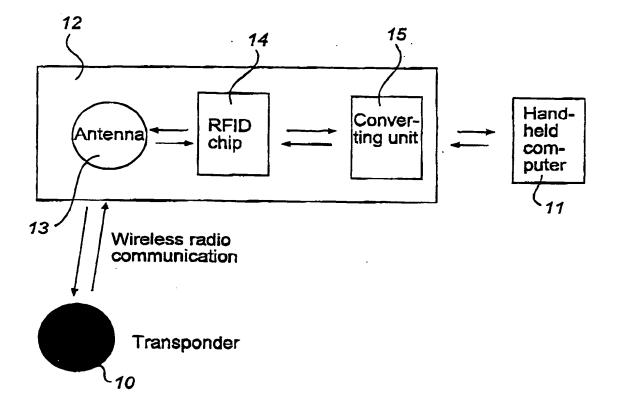
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nal received from an information carrier into a signal usable by the processing unit.

13. A registration module as claimed in claim 12, characterised in that the registration module further comprises memory means for storing information, and comparing means for comparing a signal received from an information carrier with information stored in the memory means.

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14. A registration module as claimed in any one of claims 10-13, characterised in that it is adapted to emulate a memory to the processing module, the processing unit communicating with the registration module in the same way as with a conventional memory.



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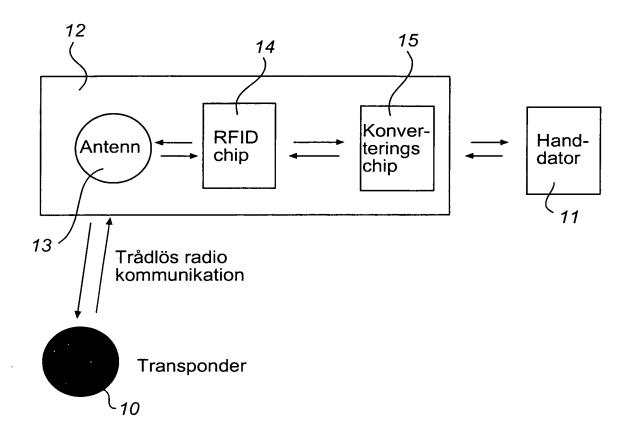
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REGISTRERINGSANORDNING

Teknikområde

Föreliggande uppfinning hänför sig till en registreringsanordning för trådlös kommunikation med en informationsbärare, såsom en transponder, och omfattande en mobil enhet. Uppfinningen hänför sig vidare till en registreringsmodul för trådlös kommunikation med en informationsbärare, vilken modul kan sammankopplas med en annan
mobil enhet.

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I mobila identifieringsutrustningar är storlek en väsentlig faktor, och det är önskvärt att i största möjlliga mån minska storleken hos de ingående enheterna. Dagens identifieringsutrustningar omfattar vanligen en handdator samt en tillsatsmodul för trådlös kommunikation mellan identifieringsenheten och en informationsbärare, t.ex. en transponder. Därigenom blir de stora och klumpiga och ej ergonomiskt utformade. Tillsatsmodulerna har vanligen ett separat plasthölje som måste anpassas till respektive handdator, samt göras fast vid detsamma.

Det är vidare ett problem med dagens identifieringsutrustningar att det ofta krävs att handdatorn är delaktig i identifieringsprocessen. Exempelvis måste listor på godkända transponders lagras och genomsökas i handdatorn. Detta leder till att handdatorn under identifieringen förhindras att utföra andra uppgifter.

Det krävs vidare normalt separata utgångsportar från handdatorn för att kunna ansluta tillsatsmodulen. Vanligtvis används ett seriellt gränssnitt och en RS232 kontakt.

Uppfinningens syfte

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Ett ändamål med föreliggande uppfinning är därför att åstadkomma en registreringsanordning som gör det möjligt att läsa och skriva information till/från databärare med både enkla och avancerade mobila utrustningar, och som helt, eller åtminstone delvis, löser de ovan relaterade problemen med den kända tekniken.

Detta syfte uppnås medelst en registreringsanordning och en registreringsmodul enligt de bifogade patentkraven.

Medelst registreringsanordningen och registreringsmodulen enligt uppfinningen blir en kombination av trådlös identifiering medelst RFID (Radio Frequency IDentification) och streckkod nu möjlig utan att behöva läsa en
sak i taget och byta tillsatsmodul mellan läsningarna,
vilket krävs i dagens utrustningar. Sålunda möjliggörs
samtidig läsning av exempelvis transponders och streckkoder genom att anordna en registreringsanordning enligt
uppfinningen i utrymmet för minnesexpansion hos en handdator utrustad för streckkodsläsning. Dessutom har de
flesta handdatorer två invändiga utrymmen för tillsatsminne, varvid det ena utrymmet kan utnyttjas för att uppta en registreringsmodul, medan det andra kan användas
för upptagning av en ytterligare minnesenhet.

Genom att anordna registreringsmodulen i utrymmet för minnesexpansion hos den mobila bearbetningsenheten kommer storleken hos registreringsanordningen att minimeras. Dessutom kan anslutningen av registreringsmodulen göras enkel, genom att anslutningsportarna som är avsedda för det ytterligare minnet används för kommunikation mellan registreringsmodulen och den bearbetande enheten.

Det är vidare en fördel med uppfinningen att den möjliggör en integrering av handdatorn och registreringsmodulen, vilket i sin tur gör det möjligt att undvika eller minimera behovet av kablage, vilket ökar systemets tillförlitlighet. Säker identifiering med hjälp av transponders blir därmed möjlig med mobil utrustning, vilket

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(Random Access Memory). Alla de ingående delarna i RFID-modulen kan med fördel vara anordnade, och företrädevis fastlödade, på ett gemensamt mönsterkort. RFID-modulen omfattar vidare företrädesvis åtminstone ett kontaktdon för att fysiskt ansluta modulen med den bearbetande enheten för överförande av signaler däremellan. De ingående delarna i RFID-modulen kan även kombineras tillsammans till ett eller flera chip med likartade funktioner.

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Modulen kan även kompletteras med minnesmoduler för att få en kombinerad "smart" enhet, vilken exempelvis kan lagra information om vilka transponders som är godkända i den specifika applikationen och endast meddela handdatorn när godkänd (enligt lagrade nummer) transponder finns i modulens läsområde, varvid transpondern kommunicerar med handdatorn via modulen, för identifiering, loggning av nr tid och datum, varefter handdatorn kan utföra en eventuell förprogrammerad åtgärd. Detta kan också vara en strömsparande funktion gentemot handdatorns batteriförsörjning, eftersom RFID-modulen tar hand om avkodningen redan innan handdatorn annars skulle fått in transpondernumret, vilket bidrar till ett snabbare förlopp och enklare och snabbare programvara i handdatorn/mobila enheten. Snabbheten är en viktig aspekt på handdatorer och om kontrollen av transpondernummer hanteras i RFID-modulen, så frigörs mer processorkapacitet åt den faktiska tilllämpningen i handdatorn.

Den ovan beskrivna registreringsmodulen kan användas inom många områden: exempelvis uppmärkning, service, industri; passage-, pallar, hissar, robotar, maskiner, djur, avgående/inkommande gods, lagerhantering, debitering; identifiering vid bestämda platser för avläsning av mätpunkter tex. vatten, el, gas, olja, tryck, flöde och registrering av mätvärden. Ytterligare användningsområden är distributionsbud för utkörning av dokument och paket, identifiering och registrering av slambrunnar fordonsvågar, datorer, presenningar, tält, kanoter, pallar (trä & metall), tavlor, träd, mobiltelefoner med mera. Vidare

kan uppfinningen användas av fastighetsväktare för närvarobekräftelse.

Uppfinningen är ej begränsad till de ovan beskrivna utföringsexemplen, utan flera varianter är tänkbara inom ramen för efterföljande krav. Exempelvis kan modulen förses med minne.

tidigare har varit svårt att genomföra på grund av storlek, pris, klumpighet och funktionalitet.

Kort beskrivning av ritningarna

Uppfinningen kommer nedan att beskrivas mer ingående med hjälp av ett utföringsexempel, och med hänvisning till den bifogade ritningen, vilken i ett blockschema schematiskt visar ett system med en enligt uppfinningen utformad registreringsmodul.

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Beskrivning av föredragna utföringsformer

Lämpligen omfattar en registreringsanordning enligt uppfinningen en registreringsmodul 12 av RFID-typ, dvs. Radio Frequency IDentification. Med hjälp av denna modul erhålles läs/skrivfunktion för databärare (tex. transponders) med mobila enheter tex. handdator. Registreringsmodulen kan dock även vara avpassad för andra former av trådlös kommunikation medelst radiovågor. Företrädesvis är den dock inrättad att kommunicera med en informationsbärare 10 som utgörs av en mobil enhet som kan lagra information, och företrädesvis som utgörs av en passiv enhet som drivs av energi som trådlöst utsänds av registreringsanordningen. Informationsbärare som använder batteri eller andra interna energikällor är också möjliga att använda inom ramen för uppfinningen.

RFID-modulen är avpassad att anslutas till en handhållen, mobil enhet 11 (tex. en dator, en telefon eller en kombination därav) vilken har plats för åtminstone en ytterligare minnesmodul. Registreringsmodulen förser härigenom den mobila enheten 11 med läs/skriv funktion för utbyte av information till/från databärare (tex. transponders) beröringsfritt med hjälp av radiovågor (tex. RFID teknik).

RFID-modulen är ämnad att användas inuti den mobila enheten och den är företrädesvis utformad som ett mindre men tjockare kreditkort som sticks in i den mobila enheten, tex. en handdator. RFID-modulen kommer härigenom

alltså inte att synas vid normalt användande, och påverkar sålunda inte den totala storleken av registreringsanordningen.

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RFID-modulen ansluts företrädesvis till de anslutningar som är avsedda för minnesexpansion för att upprätta kommunikation mellan registreringsmodulen och den mobila enheten. Vidare tillhandahålls företrädesvis modulens strömförsörjning via samma kontaktdon som ger kommunikation till handdator/mobila enheten, och som tex. är
en 6 polig kontakt. Företrädesvis emulerar registreringsmodulen ett minne till den bearbetande enheten, varvid
den bearbetande enheten kommer att se registreringsmodulen som ett ytterligare minne och även kommunicera med
den som om den vore ett konventionellt minne.

En kapsling för registreringsmodulen är lämpligen utförd i tex. plast. Dimensionerna kan variera men kapslingen kan med fördel vara utförd som exempelvis SSD (Solid State Disk) minne vilka är 64*42*6mm stora, eller som "Compact Flash" minnen som är en standard för minnes moduler inom handhållna enheter.

RFID-modulen 12 kan exempelvis omfatta en antenn 13, en radiokommunikationsdel 14 för mottagande och sändande av radiosignaler samt en konverteringsenhet 15 för att möjliggöra kommunikation mellan radiokommunikationsdelen och den bearbetande enheten 11. Antennen 13 används för att mottaga och sända radiovågor, och fungerar sålunda som gränsnitt mot informationsbärarna 10. Radiokommunikationsdelen kan exempelvis vara en passiv del, såsom ett RFID-chip, som används för att styra antennen och/eller att generera signaler till antennen. Konverteringsenheten 15 omfattar företrädesvis en enchipsdator eller liknande samt en konverteringsdel. Enchipsdatorn är den aktiva delen som styr radiokommunikationsdelen så att rätt funktion uppnås. Konverteringsdelen kan vara en fristående del eller ingå som en del i enchipsdatorn, och har till uppgift att anpassa utsignalen ifrån enchipsdatorn till omvärlden, till exempel för att emulera ett RAM-minne

PATENTKRAV

1. Mobil registreringsanordning avpassad för trådlös kommunikation med en informationsbärare (10), och omfattande en mobil bearbetningsenhet (11), k ä n n e - t e c k n a d av att den vidare omfattar en registreringsmodul(12), vilken är inrättad att upptas i ett utrymme för minnesexpansion i den mobila bearbetningsenheten (11), varvid kommunikationen mellan informationsbäraren (10) och den mobila bearbetningsenheten (11) sker medelst radiovågor via registreringsmodulen (12).

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- 2. Registreringsanordning enligt patentkrav 1, k ä n n e t e c k n a d av att den mobila bearbetnings-enheten(11) utgörs av en handdator, mobiltelefon, fickalmanacka eller kombination därav, vilken är utrustad med en mikroprocessor.
- 3. Registreringsanordning enligt något av föregående patentkrav, k ä n n e t e c k n a d av att den är inrättad att kommunicera med en informationsbärare (10) som utgörs av en mobil enhet som kan lagra information, och företrädesvis som utgörs av en passiv enhet som drivs av energi som trådlöst utsänds av registreringsanordningen.
- 4. Registreringsanordning enligt något av kraven 1-6, k ä n n e t e c k n a d av att registreringsmodulen (12) omfattar en antenn (13), en radiokommunikationsdel (14) med styrdel för radiokommunikationen och en konverteringsdel (15) för konvertering av en från informationsbäraren mottagen signal till en av bearbetningsenheten användbar signal.
- 5. Registreringsanordning enligt patentkrav 4, kännet ecknad av att registreringsmodulen vidare omfattar minnesorgan för lagrande av information, samt jämförande organ för jämförande av en från en informationsbärare mottagen signal med i minnesorganet lagrad information.

- 6. Registreringsanordning enligt något av ovanstående patentkrav, k ä n n e t e c k n a d av att den vidare omfattar organ för läsande av streckkoder.
- 7. Registreringsanordning enligt något av ovanstående patentkrav, k ä n n e t e c k n a d av att registreringsmodulen är avpassad att fullständigt upptas i utrymme för minnesexpansion i den mobila bearbetningsenheten
 (11).

- 8. Registreringsanordning enligt något av ovanståen10 de patentkrav, k ä n n e t e c k n a d av att registreringsmodulen emulerar ett minne till bearbetningsmodulen,
 varvid bearbetningsenheten kommunicerar med registreringsmodulen såsom med ett konventionellt minne.
- 9. Registreringsanordning enligt patentkrav 8,
 15 kännetecknad av att registreringsmodulen emulerar ett flashminne eller ett SSD (Solid State Disk)
 minne till bearbetningsenheten.
- 10. Registreringsmodul (12) för trådlös kommunikation med en informationsbärare (10), k ä n n e t e c k 20 n a d av att den är avpassad att kommunicera med informationsbäraren (10) medelst radiovågor, samt att den är utformad att upptas i ett utrymme för minnesexpansion i en mobil bearbetningsenhet (11).
- 11. Registreringsmodul enligt patentkrav 10,
 25 känneteckna dav att den är inrättad att kommunicera med en informationsbärare (10) som utgörs av en mobil enhet som kan lagra information, och företrädesvis som utgörs av en passiv enhet som drivs av energi som trådlöst utsänds av registreringsanordningen.
- 12. Registreringsmodul enligt något av kraven 10 eller 11, k ä n n e t e c k n a d av att registreringsmodulen (12) omfattar en antenn (13), en radiokommunikationsdel (14) med styrdel för radiokommunikationen och en konverteringsdel (15) för konvertering av en från en informationsbärare mottagen signal till en av bearbetningsenheten användbar signal.

- 13. Registreringsmodul enligt patentkrav 12, kännet e cknad av att registreringsmodulen vidare omfattar minnesorgan för lagrande av information, samt jämförande organ för jämförande av en från en informationsbärare mottagen signal med i minnesorganet lagrad information.
- 14. Registreringsmodul enligt något av patentkraven
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 att emulera ett minne till bearbetningsmodulen, varvid
 10 bearbetningsenheten kommunicerar med registreringsmodulen
 såsom med ett konventionellt minne.

SAMMANDRAG

Uppfinningen avser en registreringsanordning för beröringsfri kommunikation mellan en informationsbärare

5 (10) och en niobil enhet (11). Härvid möjliggör uppfinningen säker identifiering med mobil utrustning, vilket tidigare har varit svårt att genomföra på grund av storlek, pris, klumpighet och funktionalitet. Detta åstadkommes genom att kommunikationen mellan informationsbäraren och den mobila enheten sker medelst radiovågor, via en modul (12) som upptas i ett utrymme för minnesexpansion i den mobila enheten (11).